

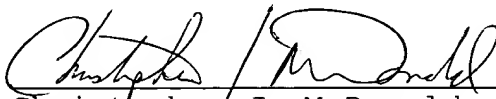
REMARKS

The amendment changes the term "reinforcemnt means" to "reinforcement members" in claims 35, both terms having antecedent basis in claim 35 and corrects a typographical error in claim 45.

The claims are allowable over the prior art and favorable action is eagerly and earnestly solicited. If any issues remain and the Examiner believes a telephone conversation would resolve such issues, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney.

If any fees are due and owing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 08-2455.

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